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Good morning

Please find below comments on behalf of The Blandford School in connection with the Pre Submission Plan:

- a. Provision of additional primary places is whole-heartedly supported, as demographic evidence clearly identifies the need for increased provision. It is our understanding that thorough research has already been completed indicating that none of the existing primary schools are suitable for sufficient expansion or extension to fulfil this need. If there were the possibility to provide for the increased demand either at existing primary schools or land already owned by either the District Council or County Council this may offer better value for money.
- b. We are concerned about the safety and well-being of all members of the community and visitors to the area. As such, it is vitally important that the location of any new school is chosen with due consideration of safe access routes in order to minimise any risk. This would include ensuring that there are appropriate traffic calming measures, cycle and pedestrian routes, consideration of funded crossing patrols, etc.
- c. The pressure on existing surgeries is evident. We, therefore, totally support the establishment of a new surgery. We would ask for an emphasis on funding services to support young people with mental health issues. This is currently a national priority and it may be the case that funding could be sought from some of the commercial developments identified in the plan.
- d. In the section outlining the proposals for Policy 10 – Local Green Spaces, the land identified in Blandford Forum includes reference to the land adjacent to the Leisure Centre. This land forms part of The Blandford School's playing fields and, as such, should not be included in the Pre Submission Plan. The Blandford School has invested heavily in creating and maintaining excellent sporting facilities, and remains entirely committed to encouraging and developing the community use of our site.
- e. The Blandford School is very proud of its place at the heart of the local community, and is encouraged by the focus in the Pre Submission Plan on the development of new housing (including affordable housing) and desire to strengthen the commercial, cultural and tourist industries locally, whilst still retaining the unique spirit and environment of Blandford Forum and surrounding area.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any clarification on the above points.

Kind regards

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